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(SBU) Per reftel request, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (MOFAT) Development Cooperation Division Acting Director Kyun Jong-ho recently confirmed that First Vice Foreign Minister Kwon Jong-rak will head the ROKG delegation to the ICI Ministerial in Stockholm. The ROKG delegation will primarily be in "a listening mode" at the conference, hoping to learn more about progess achieved to date by the ICI Secretariat and other parties in order to refine its own aid programs funded via the ROKG's \$200-million pledge made at Sharm el-Sheikh.